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min. The cuvet was rotated lengthwise and exposed to light another 30 min. The cured block was heat treated in a Despatch oven at 100° C./60 min., then allowed to cool in the oven

X-Ray Analysis of Samples

Examples X1-X8 were fabricated in the same way as Samples E-I except that they were centrifuged at 2700 RPM, and light cured for 30 minutes immersed in water; and not heat-treated.

Examples X9-X12 were fabricated in the same way as 10 Sample E-I except that they were centrifuged at 2700 RPM, and light cured for 41 minutes immersed in water; and heat-treated in the same way as samples 1-9.

Examples X13-X22 were fabricated in the same way as Samples E-I except that they were centrifuged at 2700 RPM, 15 and light cured for 30 minutes immersed in water; and heat-treated in the same way as samples 1-9.

Example X23 was fabricated in the same way as Samples E-I except that it was centrifuged at 2400 RPM, and light cured for 30 minutes immersed in water; and heat-treated in 20 the same way as samples 1-9.

Examples X24-28 are commercial Vita Mark II Vitablocs. Examples X29-X32 were fabricated in the same way as Samples A-D except that the paste was heated to 45° C. for filling.

TABLE 6

Sample #	Exposure time (sec)	Observation
X1	1/30	many pores, ~0.5-2 mm
X2	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X3	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X4	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X5	1/30	several pores 1-4 mm
X6	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X7	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X8	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X9	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X10	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X11	1/30	large pit at end open to surface
X12	1/30	large pit at end open to surface
X13	1/30	flat pores, about 0.1 mm thick × 3 mm long
X14	1/30	flat pores, about 0.1 mm thick × 3 mm long
X15	1/30	flat pores, about 0.1 mm thick × 3 mm long
X16	1/30	flat pores, about 0.1 mm thick × 3 mm long
X17	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X18	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X19	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X20	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X21	1/30	flat pores, about 0.1 mm thick x 3 mm long
X22	1/30	flat pores, about 0.1 mm thick × 3 mm long
X23	1/30	one pore ~3 mm; one crack ~5 mm long
X24	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X25	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X26	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X27	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X28	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X29	1/30	no cracks or other discontinuities visible
X30	1/30	narrow longitudinal crack 0.1 mm wide top to bottom
X31	1/30	small crack ~0.1 mm wide
X32	1/30	small crack <0.1 mm wide

What is claimed:

1. A dental mill blank suitable for the oral environment prepared by a method comprising:

mixing a paste comprising a resin and a filler, adding a fluoride releasing material to the paste, shaping the paste into a desired configuration, minimizing material discontinuities from the paste, curing the paste into a blank, and

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heating the blank to a temperature at or above the Tg of the resin for a time sufficient to relieve internal stresses in the blank.

wherein the cured mill blank, when immersed in liquid nitrogen for about two minutes, does not explode and no cracks are observed upon visual inspection, and

wherein the dental mill blank is suitable for making a dental prosthetic selected from the group consisting of onlays, full crowns, partial crowns, bridges, implants, and posts.

2. A dental prosthetic suitable for the oral environment prepared by a method comprising:

providing a dental mill blank comprising a cured resin and a filler:

heating the dental mill blank to a temperature at or above the Tg of the resin for a time sufficient to relieve internal stresses in the blank; and

carving the heated blank into a desired shape and morphology for a dental prosthetic,

wherein the dental prosthetic, when immersed in liquid nitrogen for about two minutes, does not explode and no cracks are observed upon visual inspection, and

wherein the dental prosthetic is selected from the group consisting of onlays, full crowns, partial crowns, bridges, implants, and posts.

3. The dental prosthetic of claim 2 wherein the method further comprises milling the blank on a milling machine.

4. The dental prosthetic of claim 2 wherein the method further comprises attaching the carved blank to a tooth or
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5. The dental prosthetic of claim 2 wherein the method further comprises attaching a handle to the cured mill blank.

6. The dental prosthetic of claim 2 wherein the cured resin is derived from a resin selected from the group consisting of a free radically curable monomer, a free radically curable oligomer, a free radically curable polymer, a cationically curable monomer, a cationically curable oligomer, a cationically curable polymer, and combinations thereof.

7. The dental prosthetic of claim 6 wherein the cured resin 40 is an acrylate or methacrylate resin.

8. The dental prosthetic of claim 6 wherein the cured resin is an epoxy resin.

9. A dental prosthetic suitable for the oral environment prepared by a method comprising:

mixing components comprising a resin and a filler; shaping the mixture into a desired configuration; minimizing material discontinuities;

curing the mixture into a blank;

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heating the blank to a temperature at or above the Tg of the resin for a time sufficient to relieve internal stresses in the blank; and

carving the heated blank into a desired shape and morphology for the dental prosthetic,

wherein the dental prosthetic, when immersed in liquid nitrogen for about two minutes, does not explode and no cracks are observed upon visual inspection, and

wherein the dental prosthetic is selected from the group consisting of onlays, full crowns, partial crowns, bridges, implants, and posts.

10. The dental prosthetic of claim 9 wherein carving comprises carving by a milling machine.

11. The dental prosthetic of claim 9 wherein a contact area between the blank and milling machine is dry or flushed with a lubricant.

12. The dental prosthetic of claim 9 wherein the method further comprises attaching the carved blank to a tooth or bone structure.